

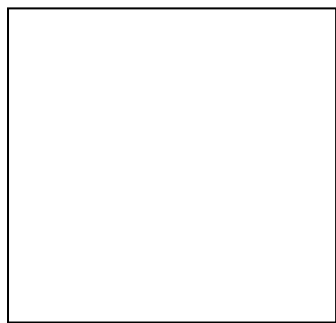


Lostwithiel Town Council

ANNUAL REPORT 2025



Message from the Mayor – Cllr John Berryman



The past year has been one of real momentum for Lostwithiel — a year in which your Town Council has combined ambition with steady, practical delivery. As Mayor, I have had the privilege of seeing first-hand how much dedication, expertise, and community spirit sits behind the work summarised in this Annual Report.

The real highlight has been the major improvements at Edgcumbe House and the Guildhall, now operating as public hire with the creation of Lostwithiel Stannary Creative Spaces. We are now looking to move the redevelopment into its next phase, securing their future for generations to come.

Governance has been strengthened through the appointment of 9 new councillors. We are also working on a new Strategic Plan for the coming year, which will guide our work from transport to heritage, flood resilience, and environmental priorities.

Flood resilience remains a top priority for us and in order to operate Lostwithiel's Flood Plan we need more Flood Warden volunteers, so please if you are interested in volunteering as a Flood Warden or would like some more information, please contact the Town Council office.

The Lostwithiel Library service has been expanded to include Saturday mornings from 9am to 12 noon, so please come along and join the library if you are not already a member and support this initiative.

The Lostwithiel Town Trail has been another major highlight for the town, the Town Team delivered on new trails and with support from the Town Council information boards, benches, nesting boxes and cycle racks were installed to enhance enjoyment of the town.

Lostwithiel's events calendar has remained vibrant - all reminders of the spirit that makes Lostwithiel what it is.

The Council's finances also remain sound, it's a testament to the professionalism of our staff and the Council's commitment to careful, transparent financial management.

Finally, if you have a question, concern or idea for our community, come along to a Mayor's Surgery. The dates and times are confirmed on our social media posts and are listed in the Lostwithiel Newsletter.

Cllr John Berryman Mayor of Lostwithiel 2025/26

Re-opening of Edgcumbe House and the Guildhall



As one of her final acts as Mayor 2024/25, Councillor Karin Henderson proudly re-opened Edgcumbe House and the Guildhall. The occasion welcomed the entire community, and both buildings were soon filled with visitors eager to see the results of the restoration. The response was overwhelmingly positive, with many expressing admiration to the renewed life that has been breathed back into these historic spaces.

Sincere thanks were extended to all Councillors, the CLUP Committee, and the Council staff, whose committed effort brought this eagerly anticipated project to fruition. Appreciation was also extended to the project stakeholders who contributed their time and insight during consultation events, and to the many members of the public who attended the Dickensian Evening consultation — suggestions of which have been thoughtfully incorporated into both the re-opening and the long-term vision for these heritage buildings. The Council is further grateful for the support of local organisations and businesses, whose generosity, advice and recommendations played a vital role in bringing to fruition. Together, these collective efforts have not only restored two historic buildings but have ensured they will serve as vibrant, welcoming spaces for generations to come.

Lostwithiel Stannary Creative Spaces



lostwithielroomhire.org.uk



Lostwithiel Stannary Creative Spaces



Lostwithielcreativespaces



A Coworking, Creative & Meeting Solution across two Historic Buildings. We have a hot desk facility or meeting room on the first floor of Edgcumbe House and a larger venue in the Guildhall. Our spaces are adaptable, we offer FREE of charge superfast Wi-Fi and SMART Board Interactive Touch Screens, tea & coffee making facilities.

Lostwithiel Library

LOSTWITHIEL LIBRARY



Visit your Local Library

Located through the
black gates at the top of
North Street

Opening times
Wednesdays 10am - 4:30pm
Saturdays 9am - 12noon



Computers free to use

Sci-Fi

Cornish
History

Crime



Non-Fiction

Children's
Area

Adult
Fiction



How
about
reading
some
books by
Irish
writers?



Lostwithiel
Library,
Taprell House
Open every
Wednesday
10am -
4:30pm &
every
Saturday 9am
- 12pm



Dickensian Evening – Edgcumbe House & The Guildhall

Santa's Grotto

The Mayor's Parlour in Edgcumbe House was beautifully transformed into Santa's Grotto for the evening, much to the delight of many children and was a real highlight of Dickensian Evening.

Mayor's Reception

The Mayor also held a reception upstairs in Edgcumbe House on Dickensian evening which was attended by 60 – 80 people.

VE Day Victory and Reflection Exhibition

The Exhibition on loan from Bodmin Keep commemorating 80 years since victory in Europe has been on display in the Guildhall and was also opened for Dickensian Evening.



YOUR TOWN NEEDS YOU

Volunteers are needed please:

1. Flood volunteers - Without more volunteers the flood plan scheme cannot function, training will be given along with all necessary protective clothing.
2. Library volunteers - Volunteers are required to help run the library.

Anyone interested in volunteering for either of the two listed organisations please:

contact the Council office Telephone 01208 827323

Email clerk@lostwithieltowncouncil.gov.uk

Or call in to the office Tuesday – Thursday, just ring the bell.

Lostwithiel Town Council Responsibilities



Contact details for your Town Councillors can be found on the Town Council website

www.lostwithieltowncouncil.gov.uk

- 3 Listed buildings - Edgcumbe House, Taprell House and The Guildhall
- Castle Hill Cemetery
- Lostwithiel Library
- King George V play area
- Coulson Park
- Second Island Park
- Pendour Park Play area
- The Parade
- The War Memorials
- Cattle Market and Quay Street car parks
- Allotments
- Public Toilet
- Noticeboards and Map boards
- Town Clock

The Town Council is also a consultee on planning and licensing within the Parish.

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Fore Street, Lostwithiel
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Contact details for common complaints and enquiries:

Hedges, verges or overgrown vegetation - <https://www.cornwall.gov.uk/transport-parking-and-streets/roads-highways-and-pavements/report-a-problem-with-a-road-or-pavement/report-issues-with-hedges-or-verges/> 0300 1234 222

Street lighting - <https://www.cornwall.gov.uk/transport-parking-and-streets/roads-highways-and-pavements/report-a-problem-with-a-road-or-pavement/report-a-problem-with-a-street-light-or-illuminated-sign/> 0300 1234 222

Roads, pavements & potholes - <https://www.cornwall.gov.uk/transport-parking-and-streets/roads-highways-and-pavements/report-a-problem-with-a-road-or-pavement/potholes/> - 0300 1234 222

Restormel Road cemetery - <https://www.cornwall.gov.uk/parks-leisure-and-culture/parks-and-open-spaces/closed-churchyards/> 0300 1234 202

Trees swept against the bridge - <https://www.cornwall.gov.uk/transport-parking-and-streets/roads-highways-and-pavements/report-a-problem-with-a-road-or-pavement/report-an-issue-with-a-tree/> 0300 1234 222

Damaged bridges & retaining walls - <https://www.cornwall.gov.uk/transport-parking-and-streets/roads-highways-and-pavements/report-a-problem-with-a-road-or-pavement/bridges-and-structures/> 0300 1234 222

Flooding – Environment Agency – 0800 807 060

Report a flood Cornwall Council <https://www.cornwall.gov.uk/transport-parking-and-streets/roads-highways-and-pavements/report-a-problem-with-a-road-or-pavement/report-highway-flooding/> 0300 1234 222

Parking enforcement/illegal parking – <https://www.cornwall.gov.uk/transport-parking-and-streets/parking/parking-fines-and-enforcement/report-an-illegally-parked-vehicle/> 0300 1234 151

Abandoned vehicles - <https://www.cornwall.gov.uk/environment/abandoned-vehicles/> 0300 1234 212

Minor flooding/blocked drains - <https://www.cornwall.gov.uk/transport-parking-and-streets/roads-highways-and-pavements/report-a-problem-with-a-road-or-pavement/drainage-and-flooding-on-the-highway/> 0300 1234 222

Street Cleaning - <https://www.cornwall.gov.uk/rubbish-recycling-and-waste/litter-fly-tips-beach-and-street-cleaning/street-cleaning/> 0300 1234 141

Council Tax – 0300 1234 171

Dog Fouling & Stray Dogs 0300 1234 212 **Dog waste bins** – 0300 1234 141